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EVENT: Sentencing

Defendant: Keith Brown

FORMER PLANT MANAGER SENTENCED

A former General Plant Manager who worked for the George Campbell & Sons, Inc. a trucking firm located on the near West side of Detroit was sentenced yesterday to 24 months imprisonment for charges related to the embezzlement of \$230,000 from his former employer, United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy announced today.

Keith Brown, 51, of Fenton, Michigan, was sentenced by United States District Judge Julian Abele Cook, Jr.

Brown pleaded guilty in August 2005 to one count of theft of funds from a common carrier. The offense arose from Brown's use of company checks made payable to vendors and employees for products or services they had not provided and his use of corporate credit cards for personal expenditures from approximately July 1999 to July 2004 before its discovery by the company Controller.

At the time of his plea, Brown admitted to the Court that he had written the checks,

forged the names of the payees, and had the checks cashed and the proceeds brought back to him.

Brown used the money for gambling and personal expenses. George Campbell and Sons is a trucking firm that exclusively hauls mail for the U.S. Postal Service. Brown is scheduled to report to prison on February 10, 2006.

The case was investigated by the FBI and prosecuted by the Economic Crimes Unit of the U.S. Attorneys Office.